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## HE SAVES TO THE UTTERMOST

By Rev. G. GUTTORMSSON

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An experience as old as the human race and always fresh when we meet it, this trembling under the fear of instant death. Multiplied by the terrors of the present war, but common enough at all times, it may at any moment break unexpected upon the safest of lives.

Or this "last of foes" may be coming at you more slowly, but with the same relentless power, in a wasting sickness or the steady decline of your vitality in old age. When your very life is ebbing away, you can do nothing for yourself. You must look beyond your own powers for protection and comfort.

And then what shall we say of the terror and sense of frustration brought upon you by the fact of sin: Your own sense of justice and decency cries out against you. "The law of the Lord is perfect"; it is holy; and this law you have violated; you have defiled it in a thousand ways. You have not kept faith with yourself even; all your good resolves are broken. You stand at the bar of your own soul, and stand condemned, and without excuse.

Not even our modern easy-going way of dealing with moral concepts has been able to still the voice of conscience. In all ages baffled, sinful man, finding no help in conventional respectability, is forced to cry out, like the Apostle Paul: "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

Yes, who shall deliver us: Of course in its anguish and helplessness the soul turns to God; that is to say, if there is a spark of faith left in the soul. But the trouble is that men do not trust him to the full. They seek only partial help from his mighty hand; the rest they commit to their own or other human powers, or they simply despair of complete deliverance. Or they look upon his promises in an abstract,

theoretical sort of way, as if we could not rely upon them too much in actual life.

Against all these notions let me bring the clear witness of my text again: "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him."

The Apostle, waiting for death in a Roman prison, calmly trusts in this complete divine deliverance when he writes to Timothy: "God will save me from every evil work and preserve me for his heavenly kingdom."

Now in contrast with this salvation to the uttermost, let us look at the imperfection of human means of deliverance, in which many put all their trust in our day.

There is first, the vaunted human knowledge, the modern progress in science and enlightenment. It is a very good thing; I yield to no man in my admiration for human skill and wisdom, ancient or modern. But where is the saving power of it all? Can modern science or education heal the bleeding heart, restore to you the value of life or bring you complete victory in the face of death or give you back your innocence? To ask these questions is to answer them.

Or consider the most beneficial of all our modern sciences, namely, the art of medicine. No one has more love and respect for the modern doctor than I have. The greatest marvel of our age is the swift advance in the science of healing. But still more I must admire the doctor's kind heart; his readiness, often in the face of much toil and danger, to salvage even the most broken wrecks of humanity. But even so, the old word of Shakespeare still holds good: "By medicine life may be prolonged, yet death will seize the doctor too."

Even more to the point is another word from Shakespeare, where he has Macbeth in-



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quiring after his wife's condition. She, as you remember, was suffering from an evil conscience. Macbeth says to the doctor:

Canst thou not minister to a mind  
diseased,

Pluck from the memory a rooted sorrow,  
Raze out the written troubles of the brain,  
And with some sweet oblivious antidote  
Cleanse the stuffed bosom of that  
perilous stuff

That weighs upon the heart?

To which the doctor replies:

Therein the patient

Must minister to himself.

No one realizes more keenly than the good Christian doctor what severe limits are set to the art of medicine even in these modern times.

But there is a branch of the healing art that deals with mental ills rather than ailments of the body. Great men have devoted themselves to this study and made some wonderful discoveries. We may well wish them Godspeed. And the church may stand to gain something by studying their methods. But can they heal the most deep-rooted and pervasive ills of the soul? Can they save the total personality and save it to the uttermost? They can not. Their healings are limited, partial, like setting a broken bone or removing a tumor. And this must needs be so, for their science does not reveal the main purpose of life or its final destiny. A man may be cured of many faults by this modern art and still be a miserable sinner.

Seeing then that all human attempts at healing or deliverance are partial and incomplete, let us turn to the Great Physician, the One who is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him. Very commonly men look upon His salvation merely as the deliverance of our souls from a state of misery in the other world. It is a very grave mistake thus to limit our faith in His powers—as if he could heal some evils well, others a little, and still others not at all. He can save to the utter-

most, save in every need of the soul, finally and completely.

And remember when I say this, I am not simply repeating dogmas or quoting assertions out of a book. I am telling you real facts of experience.

Can he save your soul from a sense of failure and frustration? Can he give a new zest and a new meaning to your life? He most certainly can, and he will, if you only let him. Accept him as your lord and master, give him your love and trust and by his guidance learn to love your fellow-man, "not in word or with tongue, but in deed and in truth." Step out of your narrow selfishness, and follow him, laboring, helping where the need is greatest, worshipping the living God in his name and in the fellowship of His saints, and your life will become clean and sweet and wholesome like flowers in the spring of the year. Thousands of humble Christian workers can bear witness to that fact.

But can he save your bodily ailments? Yes, that is what the witnesses claim. Perhaps the most persistent and unanimous testimony about him in the whole New Testament is just this, that he healed all manner of sickness among the people. Many believe that these miracles of healing were confined to our Savior's earthly ministry, that his healing is now wholly spiritual; that the age of miracles is long past. But there is some very good evidence to the contrary. Some great physicians and surgeons, among them authorities of no lesser renown than the Mayo brothers of Rochester, have given witness to the power of faith, religious faith, in snatching sufferers from the cold grasp of death and sending them on the way to recovery. Repeatedly they have seen this happen when medical science had done its utmost without visible success.

They say, it is true, that it was a simple childlike faith rather than the confession of any special creed or doctrine that worked these wonders. But this ought to be readily understood by any Christian who is acquainted with the New Testament. The sick whom he healed knew very little about theology. They simply came to Him for help and trusted Him. And I for one believe that our Savior still works miracles of healing through our faith in His holy name.

But healing of the body is not salvation to the uttermost. It never was intended to be. All of us must fall victims to bodily ills and die, sooner or later; for that is the will of God.

The real deliverance lies in giving, not strength to the body, but victory to the soul. When the human spirit through faith in our



Savior rises triumphant over pain, over weakness, over anguish and sorrow and the fear of death, rejoices in the firm assurance of eternal life and finds the blessed peace that passeth all understanding—that is the real healing; that is salvation to the uttermost. "Then", in one sense, "is brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory." And any minister has seen that wonder come to pass, not once, but often, before his very eyes.

If Jesus can take away the fear of death, can he not take away your sins also, with all their guilt and power? If you have doubts about that fact, you doubt the words of our greatest Christian hymns; you doubt the teaching of our great preachers and missionaries; you doubt the witness of all great revivals in the Christian church; you doubt the common experience of humble Christians in all ages;

you doubt the word of the New Testament; and you doubt the solemn promise, the pledged word of Christ Himself.

But I do not insist that you take my word for it, or the word of any human authority, or even the witness of the New Testament. I merely ask you to heed the witness of our Savior Himself, to take Him at his word, not in theory, but in your actual life. Accept His promises and rely on them; accept His teachings and live by them; accept Himself and follow Him, give Him your personal loyalty. And then you will come to realize that the word of my text is not a rhetorical or a fanciful utterance, but a sober statement of fact: "He is able also to save to the uttermost them that come unto God by Him."

May the Lord in his mercy grant that realization to every one of us. Amen.

## *Cecilia Eyolfson 1888-1947*

By LAUGA GEIR

"No man travels twice the Great Highway that climbs through darkness up to light, through night to day." Suddenly the wayfarer has vanished, and we who are left realize that we had never fully expressed the admiration, the respect we had felt for the departed friend. So it was with Cecilia Eyolfson. She passed suddenly into the light, and her home community reverently thanked her for years of devoted service. Perhaps somewhere in the Great Beyond our gratitude reached her. Perhaps she knows that we bless the memory of her who through all her life gave her time and strength to every good cause.

Cecelia Eyolfson was a pioneer daughter in the true sense of the word, reflecting honor on her venerable parents, Stefan Eyolfson and his wife Gudrun, who had twice blazed the trail with Icelandic immigrants, first at Gimli and later at Gardar, North Dakota.

It was on her father's homestead near Gardar that Cecelia was born February 5, 1888. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from the North Dakota Agricultural College in 1910. She then taught in various high schools of the state until the first World War broke out, when she enlisted as Red Cross nurse, serving from 1918 to 1921. Later she came to Cavalier to work as county nurse for Pembina County until 1942, when she became superintendent of the Gardar High School. In 1944 she accepted a position as Director of Nurses at St. Luke's Hospital in Fargo, and was serving in that capacity when she died Monday, September 29. She had come



home to spend a week end with her sister, Mrs. John Gestson of Edinburg, and died from a stroke shortly after her arrival. Reverend Fafnis officiated at her funeral from her old home and from the Lutheran Church at Gardar, of which she was a member. Three sisters survive: Mrs. Thordis Gestson of Edinburg; Mrs. Margaret Gestson of Milwaukie, Oregon; and Mrs. Pearl Gestson of Idanha, Oregon.

We who knew Cecilia feel that Pembina County has lost one of its most capable and respected women. In addition to her public



duties she had modernized her home and made it one of the most convenient and distinguished places in the community. It was here that her hospitality found expression. In this home she admirably cared for her aged parents and by her generosity sheltered and supported various people. Whether she served as nurse, teacher, or home-maker, her work was characterized by intelligence, efficiency, and integrity. Some-

times it seemed that she was not reaping the reward she deserved. Nevertheless, she labored on in the spirit of the Carpenter of Nazareth, who taught us that toil is good. Henry Van Dyke was thinking of people like her when he wrote:

*"They who tread the path of labor  
Follow where Thy feet have trod;  
They who work without complaining  
Do the holy will of God."*

## NOTES from OUR PARISHES

### NEWS FROM MINNEOTA, MINN.

By REV. G. GUTTORMSSON

Two congregations of the Minneota parish have been collecting extra sums of money for repairs and improvements of their church buildings. St. Paul's congregation is installing an oil furnace this Fall. Westerheim congregation has collected more than two thousand dollars for repairing the church building.

The Ladies' Aid Societies of Lincoln, Westerheim and St. Paul's congregations sponsored an entertainment last September for the benefit of a hospital which is to be built in Minneota. The chief attraction was an address given by Val. Bjornson. Over seven hundred dollars were gathered by the three societies and the Young Ladies' Union of St. Paul's Church, through this enterprise. The money will be spent for beds and other furniture in the hospital.

Four boys from St. Paul congregation are now attending church colleges. Roland Leland attends Augustana College at Sioux Falls, South Dakota; George Smith entered Hamline University at Minneapolis this Fall; Stefan Guttormsson is studying at St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota; Robert Josephson has been attending Luther College at Decorah, Iowa. This year he is an instructor in the Economics Department of that institution.

Robert and Stefan were members of choral groups in their respective colleges last year. This Fall Stefan was promoted to the senior choir at his college, the well-known St. Olaf Choir. The choir is scheduled to sing in several cities of the East and Middle West this Winter.

### ARGYLE PARISH NEWS

By REV. E. H. SIGMAR

Services in the parish last month have been very well attended. Especially significant and gratifying is the "family attendance" that has been manifest. All members of families, both young and old, have been well represented.

Worship in God's House becomes more joyful and significant when all its members assemble for praise, prayer and thanksgiving, and in instruction in God's Word and Way.

Three children have been brought into Church membership and fellowship through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this last month. Carole Darlene, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haraldur Hallson of Glenboro, was baptized in the Glenboro Lutheran Church on Sunday evening, September 7. On Sunday evening, September 21, two baby cousins were baptized in the Glenboro Church: James Douglas, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Rawlings Jr., (the mother is the former Ellen Johnson) of Glenboro; and Gregory Skapti, baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Skapti Arason of Grund.

The Bru Lutheran Church has just installed a new oil furnace in its basement. Since it was installed, a service has been conducted in the church at which a fine attendance assembled. The building was warm and comfortable, and the new furnace serves to insure comfort at the fall and winter services.

The pastor has just recently secured a new car. Since securing it, he has been able to make many pastoral calls in the parish.

Two special services were held in the parish Sunday, October 5, at which time the Lutheran sound-film, "And Now I See", was presented on the screen. The first service was in the Grund Church at 2.30 p.m., where the members of the Bru and Grund congregations gathered to see this excellent picture which depicts the important and blessed work of Church benevolence and stewardship. Approximately 120 people attended this service. The second service and presentation of this film was in the Glenboro Church at 7.30 p.m. Here also a congregation of over a hundred was assembled. The film will be presented in Baldur on Sunday evening, October 12.

A Confirmation and Communion Service will be conducted in the Glenboro Lutheran Church, Sunday, October 12, at 11 a.m. At this service



Margaret Anderson, Margaret Oliver, Robert Isleifson, Stanley Oleson, John Sigmar and Clarence Swainson will confirm their faith and will be received into full membership of the Church.

Confirmation classes are also being conducted in Baldur, Bru and Grund. Five catechumens meet with the pastor at Baldur, four at Bru, and seven at Grund. These classes will be confirmed at a future date.

The Glenboro congregation bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Heidman at a party in their honor at the "Northwest Hall", on Thursday evening, September 25. Mr. and Mrs. Heidman have been active and long-standing members of the church. At this party they were presented with a "purse" from friends in the church and community. Gifts were presented to Mrs. Heidman from the Glenboro Lutheran Ladies' Aid and the Sunday school, organizations in which she has been very active for many years. Together with their youngest daughter, Esther, they are now living in Winnipeg. Their address is Hecla Apts., Toronto St., Winnipeg.

The Grund Ladies' Aid held their annual "Tombola" on Monday evening, September 22, at the Grund Hall. A large crowd filled the hall to capacity.

Hjortur Leo Jr., Stud. Theol., of Saskatoon, visited the parish recently. He was a guest at the parsonage.

The Sunday schools of Baldur and Glenboro are meeting now regularly each Sunday morning. The Sunday schools at Bru and Grund meet fortnightly after the worship service. Mr. Ole Anderson is superintendent at Baldur; Mr. G. J. Oleson at Glenboro; Mr. C. Nordmann at Bru; and Mrs. S. Johnson at Grund.

Four former members of the parish from far afield have been visiting their home communities recently. They are: Mr. and Mrs. John Christopherson of Vancouver, former members of the Grund Church; Mrs. Richard Nelson (Ellen Gillis) of Los Angeles, Calif., former member of the Glenboro Church; and Mrs. Arthur Higgs (Julia Josephson) of Toronto, former member of the Bru Church.

The pastor attended an executive committee meeting of the Icelandic Lutheran Synod at the home of the Rev. Sigurdur Olafsson in Selkirk, Man., October 4. He also attended an executive committee meeting of the Church School Teachers Association of the Synod at the home of Mr. Gissur Eliasson in Winnipeg on Thursday, October 2.

Allan Thorleifson and Thora Johannesson of Baldur were united in marriage on Sunday, October 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ingi Johannesson, the bride's parents. Bridesmaid

was Miss Salina Johannesson of Winnipeg, the bride's sister; best man was Mr. Herbert Thorleifson of Winnipeg, the groom's brother. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Thorleifson of Langruth. Pastor Sigmar conducted the wedding service. The couple will make their home in Baldur.

Mr. and Mrs. Martein Martin, long-time members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Baldur, were honored by relatives and friends at a reception given for them in commemoration of their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 19, in the Baldur community hall. Many relatives from "New Iceland" and Winnipeg and Minneapolis attended. Mr. and Mrs. Martin were the recipients of many gifts, telegrams and other messages on this anniversary occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigi Johnson of Grund were honored by friends of the community on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary in being presented with a silver dinner set.

A large congregation of over a hundred attended the service in Baldur Sunday evening, October 12, when the Stewardship film, "And Now I See", was presented. The film was highly acclaimed here as in the other congregations of the parish.



## NOTES FROM VANCOUVER

By ENGA O. SIGURDSON

Advising the Luther League not to make their meetings purely social but to embrace some constructive aims, was the advice given them by Pastor Arthur Hanson of Blaine, following the Evening Service, when he preached here on October 5. Communion followed.

A Harvest Festival of Praise was the Icelandic Service on October 12, and at the English service on the 19th, Dr. Sigmar extended a cordial invitation to all the congregation of Vancouver to attend the wedding and reception of his daughter Margaret in Seattle on November 1, to Mr. Elvin Kristjanson.

When the W.A. entertained on October 15 for bride-elect Miss Margaret Sigmar, her mother poured coffee at the supper hour and little three-year-old Bonnie Swenson courtiesed daintily when she presented the guest of honor with a beautiful silver rose bowl and muffin dish of Regency plate. Forty ladies attended this delightful party which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sigurdson. During the evening Miss Margaret Sigmar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Sigmar, sang "O Promise Me", accompanied by Mrs. Frank Frederickson.

At the October meeting of the W.A. held at the home of Mrs. G. J. Sanders, each member



donated an apron for the Fall Bazaar, which will be held at the Church Hall on November 26 in the evening. At the official opening of the Old Folks' Home on Sunday, October 5, the W.A. joined forces with the Solskin Ladies' Aid to serve over 400 people with delicious Icelandic refreshments. It was fitting that Miss Gertha Christopherson was a special guest at this "Open House" reception, for it was in her fertile mind that the idea of an Old Folks' Home in Vancouver originated. Although she was confined to a wheel-chair because of an accident she suffered some months ago, Dr. Peter Guttormsson kindly called for her and everyone made her welcome. A well-rounded program was brought to a close by the singing of "Bless This House", by Miss Margaret Sigmar accompanied by Mr. Stefan Solvason.

Dr. V. J. Guttormsson, formerly of Vanderhoof, B.C., his wife and infant daughter, Karen Margaret, have come to Vancouver to live and he has given up active practice of medicine and has taken up the study of law at U.B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Pall Johannesson and family of Calgary have moved here and he has registered at the University of B.C., in the Faculty of Commerce.

Interesting visitors to Vancouver this Fall Fall were: Miss Laura Thordarson, Miss Helen Sigurdson, Miss Gudrun Bildfell, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Beck and Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Palsson, of Winnipeg; Miss Dora Peterson, of Victoria; Mrs. Sigfus Brynjolfson, of San Francisco; Mr. S. Hallgrimsson and daughter, of Northern B.C.; and Mr. and Mrs. S. Sigurdsson, of Calgary, Alta.

A wedding, solemnized at the Parsonage by Rev. Dr. H. Sigmar on Wednesday October 29 at 7.30 p.m., united in marriage Merle Dolores Daker and Carl Finnbogason.

An interview with our choirmaster and organist, Mr. Stefan Solvason, revealed that some splendid new music had been obtained. New members are needed. "Ask the men to come forward," he said.

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## BLAINE-POINT ROBERTS NEWS

By REV. A. S. HANSON

The Blaine-Point Roberts parish\* has been quite busily engaged in activity during the month of October. On Sunday October 5, the Rev. Dr. H. Sigmar preached at the Blaine church, and the Rev. Arthur S. Hanson preached and assisted at the communion at the Vancouver church. On Sunday, October 19, three members were taken into the Blaine church through confirmation. These were Miss

Artencia Johnson, Miss Loretta Artz and Mr. Raymond Montoure. Communion was observed this particular Sunday also. On Sunday, October 26, the parish commemorated Reformation day with special services. On October 12, communion was celebrated in the Point Roberts Trinity church.

On Saturday, October 18, Rev. Hanson united in marriage Miss Elinor Olson and Mr. Clyde Blakely, both of Blaine. On Sunday evening, October 19, Rev. Hanson officiated at the ceremony which united in holy wedlock Miss Brynhildur Norman and Mr. Isaac Thorsteinson. Mr. Thorsteinson is treasurer of the Point Roberts congregation. Both weddings were held in the respective churches.

Rev. Hanson took part in the American Legion service held in Blaine in the afternoon of October 19. It was a special service honoring Gold Star Mothers of the community.

Rev. Hanson officiated at the funeral services for Mr. John Berg and Kaare Berg, who lost their lives in a drowning accident. The pastor also held last rites for Mr. Roland Montoure Sr., who passed away suddenly on October 12.

The Blaine Luther League held elections of officers for the coming year. Those chosen were: Mickey Wagelie, president; Kenneth West, vice-president; Nora Wagelie, secretary; and Raymond Montoure, treasurer. The Luther League, under the direction of its new president, has recently made book racks for the pews in the Blaine church. These are not only practical, but add much to the features of the church's interior.

The Blaine church "Tombola", annual entertainment, was highly enjoyed by all in attendance. This social affair was held on the evening of October 17. Mr. Dan. Danielson acted as master of ceremonies at the program, which consisted of accordion selections by Miss Elaine Wilson; violin numbers by Wendell Arntzen, accompanied at the piano by Miss Donna Dodd; and reading of an excellent short story by Pastor Hanson. Prizes, food prepared by the two Ladies' Aid Societies and fellowship were enjoyed during the evening.

On October 20, the youth of Point Roberts enjoyed a Hallowe'en party. A fine dinner, prepared by mothers, group singing, and games as well as a period of devotions, made up the evening's program. On October 29, the Blaine Luther League held their Hallowe'en party.

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My dear friends, let me have your fine brief notes by November 29th.

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## NEWS ITEMS FROM SEATTLE

By MRS. RAY OLASON

The choir presented an interesting program with a humorous theme on Friday, October 17. The program consisted of a Negro act, cowboy songs, a men's street corner sextet, a mock radio broadcast with singing commercials, and an unusual style show. The dresses that were modelled dated back to the year 1860 and included styles of the various periods since that time. The choir, under the direction of Tani Bjornson and accompanied by Miss Henrietta Hamilton, presented music in a more serious mood. Miss Hamilton also thrilled the audience with her skilful playing of two piano solos. The applause and laughter of the audience indicated that all had enjoyed themselves.

At a special service, Sunday evening, October 19, Mr. Kolbeinn S. Thordarson was presented with a scroll declaring him honorary president of the congregation for life, by the chairman of the council, Tryggvi Anderson, following the action of the trustees to this effect. The occasion also commemorated Mr. Thordarson's 75th. birthday. This distinguished member of our congregation has faithfully given his services to church work for the past 22 years. Mrs. Thordarson was given an orchid corsage in recognition of her fine work. Many communications of congratulations and well-wishes were read by Pastor Sigmar including a cable from the Bishop of Iceland, Sigurgeir Sigurdson. A social hour during which lunch was served followed the presentation.

The Ladies' Aid Society served their annual turkey dinner on Friday evening, October 24, in the church. An excellent dinner was served and many people attended.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon H. Thordarson, Alan Jon, was baptized at the parental home, Sunday, October 26. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Olason were the sponsors. After the christening, Mrs. Thordarson served a delicious lunch to her guests.

A bridal shower was held Monday evening, October 27, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Scheving in honor of Miss Margaret Sigmar, whose marriage to Elvin Kristjanson will take place November 1. Margaret was welcomed by Mrs. R. Olason, who presented the gifts on behalf of the guests assembled. After the unwrapping of many beautiful and useful gifts, Margaret spoke a few words, expressing her appreciation and thanks to her friends. Out-of-town guests were: Margaret's mother, Mrs. H. Sigmar of Vancouver; Mrs. Rosa Johnson of Blaine, Wash.; Mrs. Victor Sturlaugson of Langdon, N.D.; and Mrs. John Hallgrimson of Portland, Oregon.

## NOTES FROM SELKIRK

By VICTOR ERICKSON

A number of ladies entertained on Monday evening in the Lutheran Hall in honor of Mr. and Mrs. B. Kelly, the occasion being their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Little Miss Maeola Ingimundson presented Mrs. Kelly with a bouquet of flowers on entering the hall. Mrs. L. G. Howard made a presentation of a chest of flatware, a mirror, Torchere lamp, Mixmaster, a sum of money and many miscellaneous gifts. A musical program was presented by Miss Olive Olson, Mrs. A. Bedard, Mrs. G. Johnson and Kenneth Howard. Rev. S. Olafsson was chairman and Mrs. Olafsson gave the toast to the bride. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kelly thanked their friends very fittingly. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were married October 25, 1922, by the late Rev. N. S. Thorlaksson in Selkirk.

United in marriage at the parsonage on September 27, Mr. Sigursteinn Haldor Magnusson of Hnausa, Man., and Miss Jona Kristin Johnson, Geysir, Man. Attendants at the ceremony were Miss Lilja Johnson, sister of the bride and Mr. G. Magnusson, brother of the groom. The young couple will reside in Hnausa, Man. Rev. S. Olafsson officiated.

Visitors to Selkirk during the past month have been: Mrs. Carl Thorsteinsson and daughter, Lillian, of Beardmore, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Walteson of Geraldton, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. H. Neilson and son, Ross, of Racine, Wisconsin; Arnold and Eiki Halldorsson of Hayland, Man.; Mrs. Chris Goodman and son, Chris, of Seattle Washington; Mrs. Bill Gudnason of Castle Point, Man.; Mrs. R. Swenson of Cloverdale, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Stevens have returned from a motor trip to Calgary, Alta., via the U.S.A. On their return they spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Borm in Swift Current, Sask.

A miscellaneous shower was held on Wednesday, October 22, at the home of Mrs. T. Norquay, in honor of Miss Ethel Thompson, a bride-elect of November 15. Mrs. T. Norquay presented the guest of honor with a corsage and gifts, assisted by Misses Joan and Jacqueline Erickson. Guests numbered 35. Miss Thompson will be married in the Lutheran Church, Selkirk, to Mr. Wilfred H. Erickson, on November 15.

**Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Selkirk Lutheran Church**  
October 12, 1897 — October 12, 1947

The Fiftieth Anniversary of our Senior Ladies' Aid Society was commemorated this Fall, October 12. The church was filled to



capacity as its members entered in a body and were ushered to reserved pews. The parade was led by the president, honorary members, one charter member and a member having belonged for nearly fifty years. Rev. Olafsson preached from the text, Romans 15:5, "Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus". The choir rendered special music. At the close of the service the Junior Ladies' Aid invited all present for refreshments in the hall. Receiving were the president, Mrs. E. Johnson, and Mrs. R. Corrigal, vice-president. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and tapers. A huge birthday cake formed the centre-piece at the head table. Mrs. E. Johnson welcomed the guests with an address fitting the occasion. Rev. Olafsson expressed appreciation on behalf of the Senior Aid and on behalf of the congregation for this gracious act of the Junior Aid. After a hearty lunch had been enjoyed, an hour was spent in fellowship and reminiscing.

Wednesday, October 15, the Senior Aid sponsored an entertainment in the Lutheran Hall to further commemorate the occasion. The committee in charge had prepared a very interesting program, and had also tastefully decorated the stage for the event. In the centre of the back wall one could see the list of names of the eleven charter members, neatly framed. The program consisted of musical items rendered by Miss Bjorg Christianson, Miss Olive Olson, Mrs. R. Corrigal, Mrs. J. Olafson, Mr. M. Johnson and Mr. G. Eyman. Addresses were given by our pastor, Rev. S. Olafsson, also two visiting pastors, Rev. R. Marteinsson and Rev. E. Brynjolfson, both of Winnipeg. A well-prepared history of the Ladies' Aid Society was very ably presented by Mrs. S. Olafsson. Greetings were brought from the Lutheran Women's League by its vice-president, Mrs. H. G. Henrikson; from the Senior Ladies' Aid of the First Lutheran Church, by the vice-president, Mrs. O. Stephensen. Greetings had been sent to the committee from the Thorlakson family; Mrs. Stefania Sigurdson, Mrs. Helga Bjarnason, Mrs. Jonasson, Mrs. P. Yarrow, Mrs. Th. Skagfjord, Johanna Stevens and the Ladies' Aid Framsokn of Gimli. Mrs. J. Sigurdur, the convener of the committee, mentioned these greetings and expressed appreciation. Mr. G. Ingimundson, a former president of the congregation, spoke briefly. Mrs. S. Simundson, the president of the Ladies' Aid, presided.

Again a social hour was spent over the traditional Icelandic cup of coffee. At this

gathering the older members predominated as the younger group had done at the gathering on Sunday night. During the years this group of faithful workers has been very active. Their donations to the church have been very many. On this occasion they placed two beautiful bouquets of red roses on the altar for the service in memory of deceased members. In their memory also, they gave two bronze altar vases, fittingly inscribed.



### MR. K. S. THORDARSON

As you see by the notes from Rev. Sigmar's parish in Seattle, Mr. Thordarson was the recipient of honorable recognition by the congregation, on his 75th birthday, Sunday, October 19th. He was then made honorary president of the congregation for life. That honor was certainly well deserved.

Mr. Thordarson was born in Iceland, came with his parents, Sigurgeir and Anna Thordarson, as a young boy to Winnipeg, grew up there, and in time became a printer. In 1899 he married Miss Anna Johnson of Winnipeg. They lived in various places: Edinburg, N.D., Winnipeg, Saskatoon and other towns in Saskatchewan. Most of the time he followed the work of printer and publisher. Their fine, big family was growing up. Finally, in the 1920's, he located in Seattle and established a prosperous printing business there. In recent years he has been appointed Icelandic vice-consul. When the Icelandic Lutheran congregation in Seattle was reorganized or revived for active work by Rev. K. K. Olafson about 1924, Mr. Thordarson put his shoulder to the wheel and his soul into the work. He was elected president of the church council, and has remained in that position most of the time ever since. He was the undoubted leader of the movement. I was pastor of the congregation, 1925-27, during a somewhat formative period, when the Sunday school was established, the women's society organized, and the church property purchased. I found him a strong oak of support. I was grateful for his clearcut policy of progress, for his loyalty to the cause of Christ and His Church, for his marvellous energy and willingness to work, for his courage and unselfish attitude to the best as he saw it, and he had a fairly clear vision of what seemed best. He has most certainly not spared himself in this work. He merited the recognition he received. The blessing of God be upon him, his wife and family.

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